

AL-V-A-133 Porter Settlement Schoolhouse
Porter Cemetery Rd.
Eckhart (Clarysville vicinity), Allegany Co. MD
Not Eligible

This one-story frame schoolhouse is covered with a hipped roof. The three bay by two bay building stands on a rubble stone foundation. A shed-roofed addition adjoins the east side and a porch spans the main south facade. The structure has modern 1/1-sash windows and is covered with aluminum siding.

This school is currently used as a private residence. The school was moved to its present location from its original site, probably at Eckhart Mines, in 1917. This building is recommended as not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places because modern materials have altered its workmanship, feeling, and original materials, and because it has been removed from its original site.

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Comments: _____	
Reviewer, OPS: _____	Date: <u>6/7/2000</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>B. Kuntz</u>	Date: <u>6/13/00</u>



View of Porter Settlement Schoolhouse (A1-V-133).

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Porter Settlement Schoolhouse
Porter Cemetery Road, Eckhart
Mid. 1870's

The Porter Settlement Schoolhouse was moved from Eckhart in 1917 to its present location. It was probably built during the 1870's when many schoolhouses of this type were erected in the western part of Allegany County. By the 1880's there were schoolhouses in all small towns in the mining area. They were usually built on land donated by the mining companies. Most of them are frame with german siding, tall windows, a hipped roof, and an entrance vestibule.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Porter Settlement Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Porter Cemetery Road

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Eckhart

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY
Allegany**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED☒ **STATUS**☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS☒ **ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William P. Engle

Telephone #: 689-9833

STREET & NUMBER

Parkersburg Road

CITY, TOWN

Eckhart Mines

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21528

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 504

Folio #: 464

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☒ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☒ MOVED DATE 1917

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Porter Settlement Schoolhouse is located south of the Porter Cemetery Road near Eckhart Mines.

The building consists of a rectangular one story three bays wide frame structure with aluminum siding. It rests on a high stone foundation of random rubble with a plain water table. The hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Eaves consist of a cornice and soffit. One brick chimney on the interior of the schoolhouse is original.

An original door in the center of the southern facade with original hardware, includes a panel decorated with a carved wooden wreath, a pediment decorated with dentils, a frosted glass light, and above that another pediment decorated with egg and dart moulding. Windows are replaced one over one lights. A shed roofed porch is on the south. A shed addition has been added to the eastern facade.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The public school system of Allegany County was established in 1865, but it was not until the 1870's that adequate schoolhouses were erected. (1) Until that time some coal companies provided for the education of the children of the Georges' Creek miners. (2) "Once the school building program really began, the mining areas were well looked after. "(3)"By 1881, every community had at least one public school." (4) The schoolhouses were usually built on property donated by the coal companies. (5)

Porter Settlement School was moved some distance from its original location, probably in Eckhart Mines, in 1917. (6) Scharf in his 1882 History of Western Maryland lists two schoolhouses in Eckhart at that time. (7) Like most schoolhouses built in western Allegany County during the 1870's this building is frame with german siding and a hipped roof. Porter Settlement Schoolhouse stands as a reminder of the progress of education in Allegany County.

- (1) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press) p.109-110
- (2) Ibid, p 110
- (3) Ibid, p 111
- (4) Harry I. Stegmaier, Jr. et al, Allegany County- A History (Parsons W Va. : McClain Printing Co.) p. 263
- (5) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press) p.110
- (6) Interview Mr. Vince Engles, Eckhart Md. December 1, 1978
- (7) John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Company) p. 1356

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Stegmaier, Harry Jr. et al. Allegany County-A History. Parsons, W Va.: McClain Printing Company, 1976
 Harvey, Katherine A. Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region 1835-1910. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1969
 Scharf, John T. History of Western Maryland, Philadelphia L.H. Everts Co., 1882

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.84 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites

DATE

June 14, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

3 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: _____

DATE: AL-V-A-133

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Porter Settlement School

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: _____

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SNAME OF OWNER: Rt 3 Box 455 Frostburg MdADDRESS: moved here 1917 William P EngleMAP 24 MAP 13 p 251 504/464 ED 24 Acreage 3.84

STORIES: 1(✓) 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3(✓) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: ad on E shed Cement block foundation

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
() OTHER: Coverings aluminum

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others _____

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone random rubbleWATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded BrickWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(✓) 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Center wreath of wood on panel ped w/ dentils
HARDWARE: original() replaced() frosted glass light
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN egg & dart - pediment & panel above
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architraveROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # _____
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(✓) hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick(✓) Stone() Corbeled() original(✓) replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior(✓)

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: _____
SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____
CONDITION: _____Vince Engle
Rt. 2 Box 164
Frost. Md.
wants a picture

FLOOR PLAN:

- () CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- () SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- () IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- () ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- () OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- () DOG-LEG
- () DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- () SPIRAL
- () ROUNDED
- () SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- () PLASTER
- () PANELED: original; replaced
- () BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER _____

LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal

MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- () PLAIN
- () ARCHITRAVE
- () SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- () FLUTED
- () FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- () ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:





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PORTER SETTLEMENT
SCHOOLHOUSE

PORTER Cemetery RD,
Eckhart

David A. Dorsey
12/1/78

NORTHEAST